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s/Edward R. Korman, USDJ

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Honorable Edward R. Korman, Chief Judge United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

RE: In the Matter of the Complaint of the City of New York as owner and operator of the M/V ANDREW J. BARBERI Index No.: 03 Civ. 6049 (ERK)

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Dear Chief Judge Korman:

We are maritime counsel for the claimants' in these proceedings.

We write to report that we and liaison counsel, Messrs, Bosco, Bisignano & Mascolo, have consented to extend the return date of the motion we filed to set fees for common benefit work, sine die.

We anticipate that we will withdraw the motion, without prejudice, while we and counsel for various claimants attempt to resolve the fee issue by consensus.

We thank Your Honor for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGHERTY, RYAN, GIUFFRA, ZAMBITO & HESSION

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